



#### Board of Directors

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June 2, 2021

Dear Friend:

On Saturday, November 13, 2021 SPHERE will host its bi-annual Gala at the Amber Room Colonade. This event will not only help fund the continuing needs of our members but will enhance our various programs to better serve them.

This year, we'd like to congratulate **Lori Berisford** as the recipient of our "**Commitment to Service Award**".

Lori joined the SPHERE Board in 2012 and has been SPHERE's Board Chair since 2014. In a given year, Lori does so much 'behind-the-scenes' administrative work to keep things running smoothly – schedules, newsletters, program development, facilitating relationships with fellow non-profits, ensuring proper governance and procedures, working with program volunteers and members, just to name a few of her responsibilities. In this time of Covid, the strength and steadfastness of Lori's leadership was highlighted by the challenges she faced as Board Chair daily. Lori has tirelessly worked to keep SPHERE going ... keeping in-person programs when possible, creating remote programs to keep members engaged, supporting and staying in touch with members to ensure all were doing well during this stressful time. This is why the Board of Directors chose to honor Lori Berisford with their Commitment to Service Award.

SPHERE enables its members to participate in and enjoy a dimension of life that is often missing for people with developmental, cognitive and intellectual disabilities. Our programs provide a safe venue for social interaction and development, skill building, cultural opportunities through arts and recreation, meeting and making friends and so much more.

Your support means you can help our members and volunteers continue programming that enhances the lives of our local adults with disabilities.

How can you help??

- Underwriting all or a portion of the event, such as décor, food costs or printing
- Donating a unique item or service to one of the evening's auctions
- Advertising in the SPHERE Program Book

Your donation will not only enhance our auction, but also give your business well-deserved publicity. Full sponsorship of our Gala means all proceeds can go directly to fund the programs that we provide for our members.

Your support of this fundraiser is greatly appreciated. We thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,  
**Elaine Cox**  
Gala Chair  
203.240.1602



## 2021 SPHERE Reach for the Stars Gala Donation and Advertising Opportunities

Your support allows us to present ourselves to the community and the world as smart, talented and charming members of society; to educate the community that SPHERE members are employable, approachable and genuine contributors to our lives; and to provide recreational, educational and cultural programs to improve the quality of life for our SPHERE members and our community.

*SPHERE, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Tax ID Number: 22-2968009*

### Underwriting

Sponsorship levels are as follows:

- ☐ \$10,000 Dinner Sponsor – premier reserved seating for ten, full page ad, recognition at event including recognition from stage
- ☐ \$5,000 Cocktail Hour Sponsor – premier reserved seating for ten, full page ad, recognition at event
- ☐ \$2,000 Reserved inner circle seating for ten, full page ad, recognition at event
- ☐ \$750 Four event tickets, program, half-page ad, recognition at event
- ☐ \$500 Two event tickets, Friends of SPHERE listing in Program Book
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Other amount - any amount helps SPHERE'S members, bus and programs

### Journal Advertising

You may also be interested in purchasing advertising space in the Event Journal, seen by more than 250 guests during and after the event:

Business:

_____ Full page (5"x8")	<b>\$300</b>
_____ Half page (5"x3 7/8" or 2 5/8" x 8")	<b>\$150</b>
_____ One-third Page (5" x 2 1/2") (business card size)	<b>\$ 75</b>

Please email artwork in eps, jpg or comparable format to: [loriberis@aol.com](mailto:loriberis@aol.com)

**Advertising Deadline – 9/10/21**

### Auction Donations

We welcome your in-kind donations of unique products and services to the silent and/or live auctions!

Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Value: \_\_\_\_\_

**For all donations, please complete the information below:**

Business name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form electronically to [loriberis@aol.com](mailto:loriberis@aol.com) or mail/fax to:

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